

DNREC Sediment & Stormwater Listserve Update: September 2008

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1. Regulations Update

It has been several months since the Regulatory Advisory Committee (RAC) has convened. This committee provides guidance for the revisions to the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Regulations.

Currently, the Delaware Sediment and Stormwater Program is assembling the technical guidance document, a guidebook to be used along side the regulations, which is a considerable task that must be completed with diligence. The technical guidance document will define how implementation of the regulations will be accomplished. RAC Subcommittee comments are being used to create the first draft of the regulations, in addition to helping to shape the guidance document.

Some major issues still require further definition; therefore, our consultant (Center for Watershed Protection) has been gathering information on how surrounding states have addressed these issues. Their research will help to determine the path forward on these topics.

At this point, it is anticipated that the Regulatory Advisory Committee will reconvene in November 2008. For up-to-date information on the regulation revision process, please visit

<http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/Drainage/Pages/RegRevisions.aspx>

2. Flood Mitigation Grants Available (Deadline: November 30, 2008)

The DNREC Division of Soil and Water Conservation's Shoreline and Waterways Management Section would like to announce new flood mitigation grants available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These grants are available to county and local governments to implement certain eligible flood mitigation projects and activities. The grant application period extends through November 30, 2008.

Examples of eligible flood mitigation projects include property acquisition, elevation of flood-prone structures onto flood resistant foundations, dry flood proofing of non-residential structures, and small physical flood protection

measures such as berms and stormwater improvements. In most cases, grant will cover up to 75% of the total cost of the approved project including staff time, consulting needs, and expenses, with a 25% match requirement to be met by the property owner.

The Shoreline and Waterways Management Section will be holding grant application workshops in late September in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency. If you would like further information on the FEMA grant opportunity, please contact Michael Powell at (302) 739-9921 or Michael.Powell@state.de.us.

3. Georgetown Enjoys Storm Drain Marking Success

The weather was great for the Georgetown Storm Drain Marking event, held the morning of August 22nd, 2008. Almost 90 volunteers participated, including Georgetown's mayor and town council, the town's police chief, Boys and Girls Club, Easter Seals, Georgetown town staff, Delmarva Christian High School, Boy Scout Troop 95, Korean Veterans Association (Delaware Chapter #1), Sussex County employees, Harms Engineering, Representative Joe Booth of the 37th District, and candidates for office Bob Ricker, Mike Wyatt, Aaron Chaffinch, and Greg Fuller.

This event was held in cooperation with the DNREC Sediment and Stormwater Program, DNREC Nonpoint Source Program, Town of Georgetown, University of Delaware Water Resource Agency, and University of Delaware Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials.

4. Next Blue Card Course (Contractor's Certification): October 8, 2008

The next Blue Card Course (Contractor's Certification) is scheduled for October 8, 2008. The Contractor's Training course is a ½-day course that gives an overview of the Sediment and Stormwater Program, its regulations, and required erosion and sediment control measures in the State of Delaware. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information. The course fee is \$60, which includes continental breakfast and a course book.

5. Next CCR Recertification Course: November 13, 2008

The Certified Construction Reviewer certification is only valid for five years; therefore, CCR recertification is offered to those wishing to continue certification. The next one-day refresher will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008. The course fee is \$90, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact Joanne Gedney by e-mail at Joanne.Gedney@state.de.us or by phone at 302-739-9921 for registration information.